AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): An ink set for inkjet recording, which comprises at least two black inks having different densities from each other, wherein the at least two black inks each independently comprises: an aqueous medium; and a dye having a λmax of from 500 nm to 700 nm and a half-band value of 100 nm or more in an absorption spectrum of a diluted solution, the absorption spectrum being standardized to have an absorbance of 1.0 at the λmax,

wherein

a lower density black ink in the at least two black inks has an ozone fastness stronger than that of a higher density black ink in the at least two black inks, the higher density black ink having a density higher than that of the lower density black ink.

9. (original): An ink set for inkjet recording, which comprises at least two black inks having different densities from each other, wherein the at least two black inks each independently comprises: an aqueous medium; and a dye having a λmax of from 500 nm to 700 nm and a half-band value of 100 nm or more in an absorption spectrum of a diluted solution, the absorption spectrum being standardized to have an absorbance of 1.0 at the λmax,

wherein

the at least two black inks satisfy following relationship:

$Z = (RD\text{-}L)/(RD\text{-}H) < 1$

wherein RD-L represents a ratio of Dmax (A) to Dmax (B) of a lower density black ink in the at least two black inks;

RD-H represents a ratio of Dmax (A) to Dmax (B) of a higher density black ink in the at least two black inks, the higher density black ink having a density higher than that of the lower density black ink;

Dmax (A) represents an absorbance at λmax in a visible region in measuring the absorbance of the lower density black ink or the higher density black ink in a cell having an optical path length of 5 μm; and

Dmax (B) represents the absorbance at λmax in the visible region in measuring the absorbance of the lower density black ink or the higher density black ink diluted with water by 2,000 times in a cell having an optical path length of 1 cm.

10. (previously presented): An ink set for inkjet recording, which comprises at least two black inks having different densities from each other, wherein the at least two black inks each independently comprises: an aqueous medium; and a dye having a λmax of from 500 nm to 700 nm and a half-band value of 100 nm or more in an absorption spectrum of a diluted solution, the absorption spectrum being standardized to have an absorbance of 1.0 at the λmax,

wherein

when with respect to each of the at least two black inks, a stepwise printing sample having a concentration pattern of 15 steps up to 30 mL/m^2 at maximum is prepared and a reflection density in the concentration pattern is measured, a higher density black ink in the at

least two black inks has a maximum value of the reflection density higher than that a lower density black ink in the at least two black inks, the lower density black ink having a density lower than that of the higher density black ink.

11. (previously presented): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 8, wherein at least one dye to be contained in the at least two black inks has an oxidation potential higher than 1.0 V versus SCE.

12. (previously presented): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 8, wherein at least one dye to be contained in the at least two black inks is a dye represented by formula (1):

A_1-N=N-A_2-N=N-A_3

wherein A_1, A_2 and A_3 each independently represents an aromatic group or a heterocyclic group that may be substituted; A_1 and A_3 each represents a monovalent group; and A_2 represents a divalent group.

13. (currently amended): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 8 , wherein at least one of the at least two black inks is a black ink ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising:

an aqueous medium; and

a dye having a λmax of from 500 nm to 700 nm and a half-band width of 100 nm or more in an absorption spectrum of a diluted solution, the absorption spectrum being standardized to have an absorbance of 1.0 at the λmax,

wherein a change ratio of an absorbance at λmax in a visible region is 10 % or less before and after the black ink is heated to reflux for 6 hours under a condition which water boils, wherein the absorbance is an absorbance of the black ink in a cell having an optical path length of 5 μm.

14. (previously presented): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 9, wherein at least one dye to be contained in the at least two black inks has an oxidation potential higher than 1.0 V versus SCE.

15. (previously presented): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 9, wherein at least one dye to be contained in the at least two black inks is a dye represented by formula (1):

$$A_1\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}A_2\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}A_3$$

wherein A_1, A_2 and A_3 each independently represents an aromatic group or a heterocyclic group that may be substituted; A_1 and A_3 each represents a monovalent group; and A_2 represents a divalent group.

16. (currently amended): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the two black inks is a black ink ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising:

an aqueous medium; and

a dye having a λmax of from 500 nm to 700 nm and a half-band width of 100 nm or more in an absorption spectrum of a diluted solution, the absorption spectrum being standardized to have an absorbance of 1.0 at the λmax,

wherein a change ratio of an absorbance at λmax in a visible region is 10 % or less before and after the black ink is heated to reflux for 6 hours under a condition which water boils, wherein the absorbance is an absorbance of the black ink in a cell having an optical path length of 5 μm.

17. (previously presented): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 10, wherein at least one dye to be contained in the at least two black inks has an oxidation potential higher than 1.0 V versus SCE.

18. (previously presented): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 10, wherein at least one dye to be contained in the at least two black inks is a dye represented by formula (1):

$$A_1\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}A_2\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}A_3$$

Wherein A_1, A_2 and A_3 each independently represents an aromatic group or a heterocyclic group that may be substituted; A_1 and A_3 each represents a monovalent group; and A_2 represents a divalent group.

19. (currently amended): The ink set for inkjet recording according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the at least two black inks is a black ink ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising:

an aqueous medium; and

a dye having a λmax of from 500 nm to 700 nm and a half-band width of 100 nm or more in an absorption spectrum of a diluted solution, the absorption spectrum being standardized to have an absorbance of 1.0 at the λmax,

wherein a change ratio of an absorbance at λmax in a visible region is 10 % or less before and after the black ink is heated to reflux for 6 hours under a condition which water boils, wherein the absorbance is an absorbance of the black ink in a cell having an optical path length of 5 μm.